

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT STATE WASTE DISCHARGE  
PERMIT TO THE CITY OF BLAINE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

PERMIT NO.: ST-7416

APPLICANT: Nature's Path Foods, USA, Inc.  
2220 Nature's Path Way  
Blaine, Whatcom County

has reapplied for a State Waste Discharge permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Chapter 173-216 Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

Nature's Path Foods operates a food processing plant. The wastewater, following treatment, must meet the requirements of the Washington State Water Pollution Control Act and applicable regulations for a permit to be issued. Following evaluation of the application and other available information, a draft permit has been developed which would authorize the discharge of treated process water to the City of Blaine Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A tentative determination has been made on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The draft permit and fact sheet may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website: [http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/northwest\\_permits.html](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/northwest_permits.html). The application, fact sheet, proposed permit, and other related documents are also available at the Department's Northwest Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies at the Northwest Regional Office, please call Sally Perkins at (425) 649-7190, email at [sper@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:sper@ecy.wa.gov)

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Comments should be sent to:

Water Quality Permit Coordinator  
Department of Ecology  
Northwest Regional Office  
3190 - 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE  
Bellevue, WA 98008-5452

Email comments should be sent to [tmil461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:tmil461@ecy.wa.gov)

Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary. The Department will hold a hearing if it determines that there is significant public interest. If a hearing is to be held, public notice will be published at least 30 days in advance of the hearing date.

Please bring this public notice to the attention of persons who you know would be interested in this matter. If you require special accommodations or need this document in a format for the visually impaired, call Tricia Miller at (425)649-7201. Persons with hearing loss can call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability can call 877-833-6341.

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